

Claims:

1. An ornamental insert for a picket fence or trellis having a plurality of equispaced pickets and parallel spaced-apart rails secured to said pickets defining an opening with a pair of adjacent pickets,

said ornamental insert comprising a body having a perimeter, and brackets projecting from the perimeter from diametrically opposite sides of the body, each bracket having a pair of opposed sidewalls adapted for straddling and engaging said pickets or parallel rails.

2. The ornamental insert as claimed in claim 1, in which each said ornamental insert has abutment surfaces formed on the perimeter on diametrically opposite sides of the body between the brackets and equi-spaced from the brackets.

3. The ornamental insert as claimed in claim 1, in which the openings are square and in which the ornamental insert is selected from the group consisting of circular, astroidal, diamond-shaped, cross-shaped and elliptical-shaped inserts.

4. An ornamental fence insert for a picket fence,

said picket fence having a substantially horizontally extending top rail having a bottom surface, a substantially horizontally extending intermediate rail having a top surface and being spaced below said top rail, and a plurality of equi-spaced substantially vertical pickets extending through said intermediate rail to the top rail to define rectangular spaces with said rails,

said ornamental fence insert for locating in a rectangular space comprising a body having a perimeter, an upwardly facing abutment surface and a downwardly facing abutment surface formed on the perimeter of said body, and brackets projecting outwardly and horizontally from the perimeter on diametrically opposite sides of the body, each bracket having a pair of opposed sidewalls defining a u-shape for straddling and engaging said vertical pickets.

5. The ornamental fence insert for the picket fence of claim 4, in which said downwardly facing abutment surface is seated on said intermediate rail top surface and

said upwardly facing abutment surface is in abutment with the top rail bottom surface whereby the fence insert is vertically retained.

6. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 5 in which said opposed sidewalls are joined by a web.

7. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 5 in which each of said opposed sidewalls overlaps a surface of one picket, in the direction of the horizontally extending direction of said rails, by a distance less than one half of the dimension of said picket in said direction, whereby sidewalls of adjacent fence inserts do not impinge.

8. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 4 in which said body is substantially circular-shaped.

9. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 4 in which said body is substantially astroidal-shaped.

10. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 4 in which said body is substantially diamond-shaped.

11. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 4 in which said body is substantially cross-shaped.

12. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 4 in which said body is substantially elliptical-shaped.

13. The use of the ornamental fence insert as claimed in claim 4 in a picket fence having a plurality of equispaced pickets and parallel rails secured to said pickets defining an opening with a pair of adjacent pickets.

14. A picket fence having the ornamental fence insert of claim 4.

15. A picket fence comprising:

a substantially horizontally extending top rail having a bottom surface, a substantially horizontally extending intermediate rail having a top surface and being

spaced below and parallel to said top rail, and a plurality of spaced substantially vertical pickets extending through said intermediate and top rails to define rectangular spaces with said rails,

an ornamental insert for said rectangular spaces, said ornamental fence insert comprising/having a body having a perimeter, an upwardly facing flat abutment surface and a downwardly facing flat abutment surface formed on the perimeter of said body for abutting the bottom surface of the top rail and the top surface of the bottom rail, respectively, and brackets projecting outwardly and horizontally from the perimeter of said body, each bracket having a pair of opposed sidewalls defining a u-shape for straddling and engaging said vertical pickets.

16. The picket fence as claimed in claim 15, in which said downwardly facing flat abutment surface is seated on said intermediate rail top surface and said upwardly facing flat abutment surface is in abutment with the top rail bottom surface whereby the fence insert is vertically retained.

17. The picket fence as claimed in claim 16 in which said opposed sidewalls are joined by a web.

18. The picket fence as claimed in claim 16 in which each of said opposed sidewalls overlaps a surface of one picket, in the direction of the horizontally extending direction of said rails, by a distance less than one half of the dimension of said picket in said direction, whereby sidewalls of adjacent fence inserts do not impinge.

19. A picket fence as claimed in claim 15, in which the spaces are square and in which the ornamental insert is selected from the group consisting of circular-shaped, astroidal-shaped, diamond-shaped, cross-shaped and elliptical-shaped inserts.

20. The ornamental insert for a picket fence or trellis as claimed in claim 4 in which said insert and said picket fence or trellis are metal.

21. The ornamental insert for a picket fence or trellis as claimed in claim 4 in which said insert and said picket fence or trellis are plastic.

22. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 15 in which said insert and said picket fence are metal.
23. The ornamental fence insert for a picket fence as claimed in claim 15 in which said insert and said picket fence are plastic.
24. The picket fence as claimed in claim 19 in which said picket fence and said insert are metal.
25. The picket fence as claimed in claim 19 in which said picket fence and said insert are plastic.
26. A trellis comprising a pair of parallel, spaced-apart rails, a plurality of transverse equispaced pickets extending between the rails and joined to the rails defining rectangular openings with the rails, and an ornamental insert for insertion in at least one rectangular opening, said ornamental insert comprising a body having a perimeter, and brackets projecting from the perimeter from diametrically opposite sides of the body, each bracket having a pair of opposed sidewalls adapted for straddling and engaging said pickets or parallel rails.
27. A trellis as claimed in claim 26, in which the rectangular openings are square and in which the ornamental insert is circular and has abutment surface, formed on the perimeter on diametrically opposite side, of the body between the brackets and equispaced from the brackets about the perimeter
28. A trellis as claimed in claim 26, in which the rectangular openings are square and in which the ornamental insert is selected from group consisting of circular, astroidal, diamond-shaped, and cross-shaped inserts.